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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/897,230

Examiner

Chuc D Tran

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/27/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 11-13, 15-21 and 23-27.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 July 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

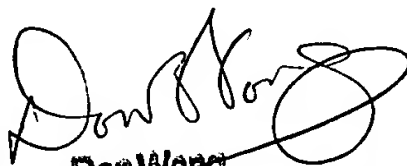
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-8, 11-13, 15-21, and 23-27 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1, 6, 15, 18, 19 and 21, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claims with the glass tube is made of a glass material that contains an emissive element, the emissive element is selected from the group consisting of thallium, stannum, plumbum, and bismuth.

Regarding claims 2-5, 7-8, 16-17 and 20 are allowable for the reason given in claims 1, 6, 15, 18, 19 and 21 because of their dependency status from the claim 1, 6, 15, 18, 19 and 21.

Regarding claims 12, 23 and 25, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claims with the fluorescent tube having a protective layer contains 0.01wt% to 0.5wt% of an oxide of at least one element selected from the group consisting of thallium, stannum, plumbum, and bismuth formed on inner surface of the tube. Wherein the protective layer having a characteristic of emitting a second visible luminous flux within the tube when activated by the first ultraviolet light.

Regarding claims 11, 13, 24, and 26-27 are allowable for the reason given in claims 12, 23 and 25 because of their dependency status from the claims 12, 23 and 25.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Citation of relevant prior art

Prior art Collins (USP. 6,348,763) disclose fluorescent lamp luminaire system.

Prior art Jansma (USP. 5,602,444) disclose fluorescent lamp having ultraviolet reflecting layer.

Prior art Watanabe et al (USP. 5,801,483) disclose fluorescent lamp having visible and UV radiation.

Prior art Jin et al (USP. 6,583,566) disclose low wattage fluorescent lamp.

Prior art Jansma et al (USP. 5,726,528) disclose fluorescent lamp having reflective layer.

Prior art Ryan (USP. 4,001,628) disclose low pressure fluorescent lamp.

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuc D Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1829. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F Flex hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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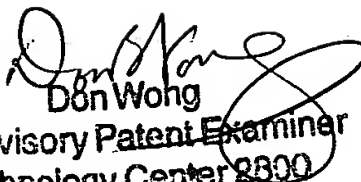
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